

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

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1. (Original) A camera comprising:
an imaging part for capturing an image of a subject;
a selector for selecting one of a recording mode and a reproducing mode;
a recording part for recording the image captured by the imaging part on a recording medium upon receiving a command to record in the recording mode;
a reproducing part for reproducing an image from the recording medium in the reproducing mode;
a monitor for displaying an image; and
a display controller for controlling the monitor to display the image captured by the imaging part on a first area on the monitor in the recording mode, and to display the image reproduced from the recording medium on a second area on the monitor in the reproducing mode, the first area being smaller than the second area.
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2. (Original) The camera as defined in claim 1, further comprising:
a grip to be held by a hand of an operator in the recording mode, the grip being arranged at a front of a body of the camera;
wherein the monitor is arranged at a back of the body of the camera and extends to a part opposite to the grip.
3. (Original) The camera as defined in claim 2, wherein the monitor is arranged such that none of the first area and a part of the second area are covered with the hand of the operator holding the camera by the grip in the recording mode.

4. (Original) The camera as defined in claim 1, wherein the monitor is arranged on a body of the camera such that none of the first area and a part of the second area are covered with a hand of an operator holding the body to operate the camera in the recording mode.

5. (Original) The camera as defined in claim 1, further comprising:

a touch panel arranged over the monitor;

wherein, in the recording mode, the display controller determines an area on the monitor covered with a hand of an operator by the touch panel and bounds the first area on the monitor such that the first area excludes the covered area.

6. (Original) The camera as defined in claim 1, further comprising:

a touch panel arranged over the monitor;

wherein an operational button is displayed on an area other than the first area on the monitor in the recording mode, so that the monitor and the touch panel serve as a camera operation part.

7. (Original) The camera as defined in claim 6, wherein the operational button comprises at least one of a zoom operation button and an exposure correcting button.

8. (Original) The camera as defined in claim 1, further comprising:

a touch panel arranged over the monitor;

wherein at least one of an operational button for instructing the image reproduced on the monitor to be switched on a frame-by-frame basis in an order, an operational button for instructing the image reproduced on the monitor to be switched on a frame-by-frame

basis in a reverse order, an operational button for instructing the image reproduced on the monitor to be enlarged, and an operational button for instructing the image reproduced on the monitor to be reduced, is displayed on the monitor in the reproducing mode.

9. (Original) The camera as defined in claim 1, wherein the monitor comprises a liquid crystal display.

10. (Original) A camera comprising:

an imaging part for capturing an image of a subject;

a monitor for displaying the image captured by the imaging part;

a touch panel arranged over the monitor; and

a display controller for determining, by the touch panel, an area on the monitor hidden by a matter touching the touch panel, and controlling the monitor to display the image on an area on the monitor excluding the hidden area.

11. (Original) The camera as defined in claim 10, further comprising:

a grip to be held by a hand of an operator, the grip being arranged at a front of a body of the camera;

wherein the monitor is arranged at a back of the body of the camera and extends to a part opposite to the grip.

12. (Previously Presented) The camera as set forth in claim 1 wherein the first area is arranged to exclude an area covered with a hand of an operator holding a body of the camera to operate the camera to record the image.

13. (New) The camera as set forth in claim 1, wherein the display includes a third area wherein the third area is a marginal area on the display in which no image data appears and thereby provides a gripping area for the operator during the recording mode.

14. (New) The camera as set forth in claim 1, wherein the display controller changes a size of an image displayed on the monitor in accordance with switching between the recording mode and the reproducing mode by the mode selector.

15. (New) The camera as set forth in claim 1, wherein a back grip part at a side of the back of the camera which is held by a hand of the operator is made as a part of the display of the monitor, wherein the hand of the operator, during the recording mode, grips a part of the monitor.

16. (New) The camera as set forth in claim 15, wherein the camera during the recording mode does not display the captured image or the preview image on a part of the monitor which corresponds to the back grip part, the part of the display of the monitor that is covered by the operator's hand.

17. (New) The camera as set forth in claim 1, wherein one of a strobe and a lens provided at the front face of the camera is

covered by a hand of the operator to hold the camera in the reproducing mode, whereby gripping the back of the camera can be avoided and a reproduced image is displayed on a portion corresponding to a gripping portion of the monitor.

18. (New) The camera as set forth in claim 1, wherein the monitor is arranged at the back of a body of the camera wherein a hand of the operator holding the camera extends to a portion of the monitor to cover the monitor by the hand of the operator in order to hold the camera for taking pictures.

19. (New) The camera as set forth in claim 2, wherein the camera has a release button on the top face of the body of the camera, wherein the monitor, at a back of the body of the camera, extends to have a width which extends to at least interfere or cross over a line which is drawn vertically from the bottom of the release button to the bottom of the camera.

20. (New) The camera as set forth in claim 1, wherein a back grip part at a side of the back of the camera which is held by a hand of the operator is made as a part of the display of the monitor, wherein a part of the monitor is covered by the base of a thumb of the operator gripping the camera in the recording mode and wherein at least one of a captured image or a preview image is displayed on

a part of the monitor which is uncovered by the base of the thumb of the operator.

21. (New) A camera comprising:

a selector for selecting one of a recording mode and a reproducing mode;

a reproducing part for reproducing an image from the recording medium in the reproducing mode; and

a monitor arranged at the back of the body of the camera,

wherein the camera is gripped, in at least one of the recording mode, wherein a part of the back of the body of the camera is covered while a member which is necessary for picture taking is kept uncovered by a hand of an operator and, the reproducing mode, the back of the body of the camera is kept uncovered by the hand of the operator while a front of the body of the camera is covered; and

wherein the monitor is arranged at such a position that a part of the monitor is covered by the hand of the operator if the camera is gripped in the recording mode whereas the entire area of the monitor is uncovered by the hand if the camera is gripped in the reproducing mode.

22. (New) The camera as set forth in claim 21, wherein the camera has two display modes, wherein a first display mode displays an

image in the first area of the monitor and a second mode displays an image in the second area of the monitor, an area of display in the monitor for the first area being smaller than the second area, and wherein the camera further comprises a display controller to selectively switch between the first display mode and the second display mode in accordance with the selected gripping manner in the recording mode and the gripping manner in the reproducing mode.

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23. (New) The camera as set forth in claim 21, wherein the camera switches the display of the monitor in response to the mode selector selecting one of the recording mode and the reproducing mode.

24. (New) The camera as set forth in claim 21, wherein the camera includes a lens and a strobe as members necessary for picture taking on the front of the body of the camera.

25. (New) The camera as set forth in claim 22, wherein the camera is adapted for the respective capturing and recording in response to the selecting of one of the first display mode while the camera is gripped in the recording mode and the second display mode while the camera is gripped in the reproducing mode.